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Addendum*

1. This present addendum, prepared in accordance with Governing Council decision 20/18 A of 4 February 1999, presents additional information on developments in and changes to the status of international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment. This report covers the period from 11 December 1996 to 10 November 1998, and where more updated information has been made available, up to 30 July 1999. The information contained in the report has been provided by Governments and international organizations acting as depositaries of the respective instruments, in response to a request by the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

A. Depositaries

2. In addition to the depositary Governments and organizations referred to in paragraph 1 of document UNEP/GC.20/18, the secretariat received from the following Governments and intergovernmental organizations further information concerning the status of international conventions and protocols for which they serve as depositaries:

Austria, Brazil, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Nations, World Intellectual Property Organization, Organization of African Unity, North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission

* The present document is an addendum to the report of the Executive Director entitled "International conventions and protocols in the field of the environment", submitted to the Governing Council at its twentieth session (UNEP/GC.20/18).

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B. Conventions and protocols that have entered into force

3. The secretariat has been informed that the following international convention has entered into force during the period covered by the present report:

Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa, adopted in Bamako on 30 January 1991, entered into force on 22 April 1998

C. New conventions and protocols

4. The secretariat has been informed that the following protocol was concluded during the period covered by the present report:

Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, adopted at London on 17 June 1999

D. Changes in the status of existing conventions and protocols

5. Recent changes to the status of ratification of, or accession to, existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment are contained in the annex to the present report, which has been prepared on the basis of information received from the depositaries referred to in paragraph 2 above. With regard to the status of those instruments already reported in document UNEP/GC.20/18, only the changes which occurred after the reporting period covered by that document have been included.

Annex

Changes to the status of ratification of/accession to Conventions and Protocols in the field of the environment

Title of instrument/year of adoption	*Reporting period*	*Total number of ratifications/accessions*	*Date of entry into force of the instrument*	*Countries/entities that have ratified/acceded to the instrument during the reporting period*
International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, 1961	11 December 1996-5 November 1998	38	10 August 1968	Bulgaria, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago
Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa, 1991	11 December 1996-1 October 1998	15	22 April 1998	Benin, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community, 1991	11 December 1996-1 October 1998	43	12 May 1994	Lesotho, Togo
African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba), 1996	11 December 1996-1 October 1998	8	Not yet in force	Algeria, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe
Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean, 1992	11 December 1996-1 October 1998	4	16 February 1993	As at 1 October 1998, the Republic of Korea had expressed its intention to accede to the Convention
Amendment to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, 1995	11 December 1996-18 February 1999	3	Not yet in force	Monaco, Spain, Tunisia
Amendment to the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, 1995	11 December 1996-18 February 1999	4	Not yet in force	Monaco, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia
Amendment to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources, 1996	11 December 1996-18 February 1999	4	Not yet in force	Monaco, Spain, Tunisia
Convention for the Prohibition of Fishing with Long Driftnets in the South Pacific, 1989	11 December 1996-4 May 1999	9	17 May 1991	Palau
Protocol for the Accession of the Principality of Monaco to the International Convention for the Protection of the Alps, 1994	11 December 1996-1 October 1998	6	A party to the Convention is required to ratify the Protocol	Austria, European Community
Treaty on Principles Governing Activities of States in the Exploitation and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, 1967	11 December 1996-1 October 1998	71	10 October 1967	Kazakhstan
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, 1973	16 October-31 December 1998	145	1 July 1975	Azerbaijan
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, 1985	11 November 1988-30 July 1999	170	22 September 1988	Oman

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Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1987	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	169	1 January 1989	Oman
London Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, 1990	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	132	10 August 1992	Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Guyana, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Trinidad and Tobago
Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, 1992	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	96	14 June 1994	Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Grenada, Guyana, Indonesia, Monaco, Peru, Slovenia, Trinidad and Tobago
Montreal Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, 1997	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	18	Not yet in force	Australia, Bolivia, Germany, Grenada, Guyana, Hungary, Jordan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago
Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, 1989	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	130	5 May 1992	Albania, Andorra, Cape Verde, Georgia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Uganda
Amendment to the Basel Convention, 1995	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	15	Not yet in force	Andorra, Sri Lanka, Uruguay
Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	175	29 December 1993	Palau
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1992	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	179	21 March 1994	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar
Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1997	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	13	Not yet in force	Bahamas, Cyprus, El Salvador, Georgia, Jamaica, Maldives, Micronesia (Federated States of), Niue, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 1994	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	157	26 December 1996	Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Hungary, Monaco, Palau, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Uruguay
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	131	16 November 1994	Belgium, Poland, Ukraine
Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, 1997	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	6	Not yet in force	Jordan, Lebanon
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions, 1994	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	22	5 August 1998	Croatia
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals, 1998	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	1	Not yet in force	Canada

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Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 1998	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	1	Not yet in force	Canada
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 1991	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	27	10 September 1997	Azerbaijan, Belgium, Ukraine
Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, 1992	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	25	6 October 1996	Slovakia, Slovenia
Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, 1992	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	13	Not yet in force	Switzerland
Convention on Access to Information and Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 1998	11 November 1998-30 July 1999	1	Not yet in force	Turkmenistan